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1. (Twice Amended) A computer system, comprising:
a base;
a display enclosure housing a display; and
a securing mechanism to pivotably secure the display enclosure to the
base, comprising:
a positioning assembly that produces a force to prevent the display
enclosure from pivoting; and
a selectively actuated operator, the operator being adapted to
selectively remove the force preventing the display
enclosure from pivoting without use of a tool.

2. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operator is
adapted to prevent the force producer from driving the first and second members into
contact.

3. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operator is
adapted to be electrically actuated.

4. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the operator is
adapted to prevent the force producer from driving the first and second members into
contact.

5. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operator is
adapted to be electrically actuated.

6. (Twice Amended) A clutch assembly for pivotably securing a
computer display to a computer base, comprising:
a first portion adapted to enable the computer display to pivot relative to
the computer base unit;
a second portion adapted to produce a force to oppose pivotal motion of
the display; and
a third portion selectively actuatable to produce a counter-force to the force
produced by the second portion to prevent the second portion from
opposing pivotal motion of the display.

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11. (Amended) The assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein the third portion is adapted to be electrically operated.

17. (Twice Amended) A method of operating a computer system having a base unit and a pivotable display, comprising:

actuating a clutch assembly before the display is pivoted to reduce a force opposing pivotal motion of the display;
pivoting the display to a desired position; and
deactuating the clutch assembly after the display is pivoted to restore the force opposing pivotal motion of the display.